

Great Books for Boys

In the Juvenile Fiction area unless otherwise noted
(Suggested grade levels are in parentheses)



Call Number

Title and Summary

Adventure

- Boniface, W **The Hero Revealed** (*Ordinary Boy*, book 1) The only resident of Superopolis without a superpower, uncovers and foils a sinister plot to destroy the town. (3rd-7th)
- Dahl, R **The Twits** The misadventures of two, trouble making tricksters. (3rd-5th)
- Hunter, E **The escape of the deadly dinosaur: USA** (*Secret Agent, Jack Stalwart*, book 1) When an eager young scientist brings a dangerous dinosaur to life, Jack must capture it before it destroys New York City. (2nd-5th)
- Juster, N **The Phantom Tollbooth**: Milo is bored until a tollbooth appears in his room. (4th and up)
- Korman, G **The Deep** (*Dive Series*, Book 1): Four friends discover a sunken treasure ship, but have a challenge to keep what is rightfully theirs. (4th – 6th)
- Korman, G **Swindle**: After an unscrupulous collector cons him out of a valuable baseball card, Griffin puts together a band of misfits to break into a heavily guarded store and steal the card back. (3rd-7th)
- Myers, W.D. **Patrol**: An American Soldier in Vietnam: a frightened soldier faces combat. (4th – 7th)
- Sachar, L **Holes**: A family's bad luck sends a boy to a correctional camp for a crime he didn't commit. (4th+)
- Scieszka, J **Knights of the Kitchen Table** (*Time Warp Trio*, book 1) 3 friends are sent back in time by a magic book where they meet dragons, wizards and the Knights of the Round Table.(2nd -4th)

Animal Adventure

- Hunter, E **Into the Wild** (Warriors series) A house cat joins a group of feral cats for adventure. He must become a brave warrior when the group gets in a turf war with a rival gang. (4th-7th)
- Lasky, K **The Capture** (*Guardians of Ga'Hooole*, book 1) Young owls are being abducted from their homes to be brainwashed by other owls and used for mysterious purposes. (4th -7th)

Family

- Blume, J **Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing**: The first in a set of books that humorously deals with the highs and lows of being around a little brother. (4th – 6th)
- Colfer, E **The Legend of Spud Murphy** (series): When their mother starts dropping them off at the library several afternoons a week, nine-year-old William and his brother dread boredom and the overbearing librarian, but they are surprised at how things turn out. (2nd-5th)
- Naylor, P **Boys Start the War** (Hatfords and Malloys, Book 1) Disgusted that a family with girls moves into the house across the river, Wally and his brothers declare a practical joke war on the girls. (3rd-6th)
- Kraft, E **Lenny and Mel's Summer Vacation**: Two boys set out to do nothing during their summer vacation in spite of their parents efforts otherwise. (2nd – 4th)

Fantasy

- Abbott, T **The Hidden Stairs and the Magic Carpet** (*Secrets of Droon*, book 1): Three friends find adventure in the world of Droon when they discover a secret doorway in the basement. (2nd to 4th)
- Almond **Skellig** : Unhappy about troubles in his family, Andrew retreats to the garage and discovers a door to another world. (3rd-6th)
- Barron, T.A. **Lost Years of Merlin** (*Series*): A young boy who has no memory of his past realizes he has special powers that lead him into fantastic adventures. (4th and up)
- Barry, D **Escape from the Carnivale**: a Neverland book: When Surf the mermaid is captured by the evil Captain Crookshank, her friends enlist James, one of the Lost Boys, to help rescue her. (3rd-6th)
- Gannett, R.S. **My Father's Dragon**: A boy plans to rescue a dragon that is being unfairly used by lazy animals. (3rd-6th)
- Riordan, R **The Lightning Thief**: (*Percy Jackson and the Olympians*, book 1) After learning that the father he never knew is Poseidon, Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods, and joins a quest to prevent a war between the gods. (4th-9th)
- Rodda, E **The Forests of Silence** (*Deltora's Quest*, book 1) Young Lief must find seven jewels for the magic belt of Deltora to stop an evil lord from trying to take over. (3rd-6th)

Humorous

- Brown, J **Flat Stanley**: (*A Stanley Lambchop Adventure*) After a bulletin board flattens Stanley, he finds advantages in his new form. (2nd – 4th)
- Buckley, M. **NERDS (2009)** While running a spy network from their elementary school, five unpopular misfits combine their talents and use cutting-edge gadgetry to fight evil around the world. (3rd -7th)
- Coville, B **Aliens Ate My Homework** (*Alien Adventure*, book 1): A miniature spaceship lands with five aliens needing help to capture an intergalactic criminal. (3rd – 6th)
- Kinney, J **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal**: (*Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, book 1) Greg records his sixth grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, undersized weaklings amid boys who need to shave twice daily, hope just to survive. (3rd -7th)
- McMullan, K **Have a Hot Time Hades**: (*Myth-O-Mania*, Book 1) Hades gives his view of the heroes in Greek myths. (4th – 7th)
- Pinkwater, D **The Hoboken Chicken Emergency**: Arthur heads out to get a turkey for Thanksgiving and comes home with Henrietta, a 266 lb. Chicken with a mind of her own. (3rd-5th)
- Sachar, L **Marvin Redpost: kidnapped at birth?** (Marvin Redpost, book 1) Marvin is convinced he looks different from his family because he is the lost prince of Shampooon. (2nd -3rd)
- VanDraanen, W **Secret Identity**: (Shredderman, book 1) Tired of being called names by the class bully, Nolan becomes Shredderman. (2nd-5th)
- Winkler, H **Niagara Falls, or does it?** (Hank Zipzer, book 1) Hank, Ashley, and Frankie are excitedly preparing for a magic show at the Rock 'N Bowl when Hank's creative alternative to an English essay lands him in detention and grounded the week of the show. (3rd-5th)

Mystery

Series Wall
Thirty-nine

Maze of Bones (*39 Clues*, book 1) Dan and Amy Cahill end up in a dangerous race given the to uncover 39 clues hidden around the world that will lead to the source of their family's power. (4th-8th)

Adler, D **Cam Jansen Adventures:** Cam uses her photographic memory to solve mysteries.(1st - 3rd)

Bosch, P **The Name of this Book is Secret** Two misfits try to solve the mystery of a dead magician and stop the evil Dr. L and Ms. Mauvais, who are searching for the secret of immortality. (4th-7th)

Hale, B **The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse** (*Chet Gecko* , book 1)): Hired to find a classmates brother, Chet discovers a gila-monsters plot against the football team. (3rd – 5th)

Sobol, D **Encyclopedia Brown** (series): These mystery books are set up so that the reader can solve the crimes along with fifth grade boy detective, Encyclopedia Brown. (2nd- 6th)

Stewart, T **Mysterious Benedict Society** (book 1) Four members of the Mysterious Benedict Society embark on a scavenger hunt that turns into a desperate search for the missing Mr. Benedict. (4th-7th)

School

Clements, A

Frindle: When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control. (3rd-7th)

Gantos, J **Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key:** Joey learns to manage his ADHD with the help of people, who believe in him. (4th-6th)

Gutman, D **Miss Daisy is Crazy:** (*My Weird School*, book 1) A 2nd grade class is surprised by their unusual teacher. (2nd-4th)

Lerangis, P **Poof! Rabbits Everywhere** (*Abracadabra*, Book 1): Max only planned to perform a magic trick, but suddenly rabbits are popping up all over school. (2nd-4th)

Sachar, L **Sideways Stories from Wayside School:** Funny episodes from the 13th floor of a school where the classrooms were accidentally built sideways. (2nd –4th)

Smallcomb, P **Last Burp of Mac McGerp:** A fifth grade class tries to outwit a strict new principal (3rd-6th)

Stine, R.L. **The Big Blueberry Bark-off** (*Rotten School*, book 1) Bernie, the egotistical planner for a group of at The Rotten School, is determined to outsmart his rival in a pie-eating contest. (3rd-5th)

VanDraanen, W **Secret Identity (Shredderman):** Fifth-grader Nolan Byrd, tired of being called names by the class bully, has a secret identity--*Shredderman!* (2nd-5th)

Science Fiction

Blade, A **Ferno, the Fire Dragon** (*Beast Quest*, book 1) Terrible events are terrifying Tom's village. But Tom isn't afraid. He vows to go to the king and bring help for them all. (2nd-4th)

Carman, P **House of Power** (*Atherton*, book 1) Edgar, an orphan, finds a book that reveals significant secrets about Atherton, the world in which he lives where an elite few live off the labor of others. (5th-8th)

Haddix, M P **Found** (*Missing*, book1) When two friends learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies, they set out to uncover the mystery. (4th-7th)

Holt, K A **Mike Stellar, Nerves of Steel** Mike's family joins an expedition to Mars and his fears are confirmed when all of the adults on the colonizing mission, begin to act strangely. (5th-7th)

- Reisman, M **Simon Bloom the Gravity Keeper** (*Simon Bloom*, book 1) Simon Bloom finds a book that enables him to control the laws of physics. He soon needs the formulas in the book to save himself. (4th-7th)
- Williams, M **Ancient Fire** (*Dragon Boy Series*): A boy from the future, a girl from medieval Egypt, and an intelligent saurian from an alternative Earth join together in time and space travels. (5th-8th)

Scary

- Greenberg, D **The Onts** (*Secrets of Dripping Fang*, book 1)
- Schwartz, A **Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark** Stories of ghosts and witches and some modern stories. (4th-6th)

Sports

- Bee, C **Touchdown Pass** (*Chip Hilton Sports*, Book 1): A star football player discovers an act of sabotage. (4rd-6th)
- Brooks, B **Woodsie** (*Wolfbay Wings*, Book 1): Only Woodsie has faith in his hockey team after they lose some players to a rival team.(4th –6th)
- Gutman, D **Honus and Me:** (*A Baseball Card Adventure*): Joey loves baseball, but doesn't play it well, finds a valuable card of Hall-of-Famer Honus Wagner and travels back in time to meet him. (4th –6th)
- Lupica, M **Hot Hand** (*Comeback Kids*, book 1) In the wake of his parents' separation, ten-year-old Billy seems to have continual conflicts with his father, who is also his basketball coach. (4th – 6th)
- Ritter, J **The Boy Who Saved Baseball:** A boy arrives on horseback to help a team win a baseball game that will save their town from developers. (5th –8th)

Series Wall

- Pokemon Pokemon (2nd-4th)
- SpongeBob Spongebob SquarePants (3rd – 5th)
- Star Wars Star Wars Series (3rd-6th)

Juvenile Graphic Novels

- Proimos **Johnny Mutton, he's so him:** Nothing goes as expected for this sheep in human clothing. (1st – 4th)
- JGN Stone **BC Mambo** (Stone Rabbit, volume 1) After Stone Rabbit is transported back to prehistoric times, his bottle of barbecue sauce becomes the key ingredient in a power-hungry Neanderthal's plan to dominate the world. (3rd-5th)
- JGN Marvel **Marvel Adventures Super Heroes** (series) (4th-6th)

Nonfiction

- Various **You wouldn't want to be** (series)
- 031 Guinness **Guinness World Records**
- 031.02 Masoff **Oh, Yuck! The Encyclopedia of Everything Nasty** (4th-8th)
- 153.9 Romanek **Aha! The most interesting book you'll ever read about intelligence** (4th-8th)
- 616.8 Fleischman **Phineas Gage: A gruesome but True Story About Brain Surgery** (5th and up)

